



TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

April 29, 2013

Knox County
ATTN: Mayor Tim Burchett
City County Building, Suite 615
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for or Amendment to Certificate of Franchise Authority
and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Burchett:

On April 23, 2013, TDS Telecom Service Corporation ("TDS") applied with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Department") to amend its state-issued certificate of franchise authority. By this time, you should have already received notice from TDS of its intention to serve your area. This and other related filings may be found on the TRA's website at <http://www.tn.gov/tra/dockets/1100125.htm>. The Department is required to send this notice so that you may act to preserve your Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG") channels and PEG access support payments under Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309.¹

If the local franchise with the incumbent cable service provider that existed as of July 1, 2008 required it to provide PEG channels or access payments, then you may be able to receive the same number of PEG channels and equivalent support payments from TDS under the state cable franchise.² However, in order to claim these benefits, you must provide the TRA with information about the PEG channels and support payments negotiated under the incumbent provider's franchise *within ten (10) days* from the date you received notice from TDS that it intended to provide cable or video service to your municipality, specifically:

- (1) The number of PEG channels that have been activated by the incumbent;
- (2) The number of PEG channels that are authorized to be activated under the incumbent franchise; and,
- (3) The amount of any fee or other payment for PEG access support required under the incumbent franchise.³

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope to send the above information to:

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
ATTN: Docket Room (11-00125)
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

If you have already forwarded this information to the TRA upon receipt of the notice from the applicant or state-issued franchise service provider in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309(a), please disregard this request. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (615) 741-2904 x153 or at the address listed above. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Kettles
Chief, Economic Analysis & Policy Division

¹ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-314(b)(1).

² This applies whether or not the local franchise agreement had expired on July 1, 2008 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309(a)(1)).

³ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309(a)(1).